



C R (CHARLES) KENNETT is shown standing in front of the Iwo Jima memorial during a return visit there in March of 1999. Kennett fought the battle of Iwo in 1945 as a young Marine Corporal, leading a machine gun squad, with the Marine 5th Division. He received a shell concussion in the back, but continued to fight for the next 21 days, bandaged from the hip bone to his armpits, until finally he was evacuated to a hospital ship. Kennett said he visited to the exact spot where his crew landed and had trouble just walking back up the hill in the jet black sand, with grains which reminded him of BB's. He also visited a hill on the island of Iwo where frightened Japanese women and children jumped to their death out of installed fear of what they had been told the invading Americans would do to them.



THE REMAINS of one of the infamous thick reinforced concrete pillboxes the WWII Japanese soldiers had constructed on Iwo Jima as part of their fierce defense of the small island, successfully invaded by U. S. troops in February of 1945, but at a high cost of human lives.

"SAYING GOODBYE TO IWO JIMA"

Written by Steve Thompson, St. Charles, Ill., who recently accompanied a group of WWII veterans back to the South Pacific for a reunion of survivors from one of the hardest fought, deadliest battles of the war... Iwo Jima. He notes that some of his facts and figures cited come from the book "Flags of Our Fathers," by James Bradley, the son of one of the flag raisers on Iwo.

As our plane circled the island of Iwo Jima in preparation for landing, only an occasional whisper broke the silence among the passengers. Many huddled around windows to glimpse at what lay below, while others stared straight ahead or simply closed their eyes, perhaps trying to recollect their thoughts and visions from 55 years earlier. Playing quietly in the background was the music of Glenn Miller bringing back memories from the WWII year of 1945.

1945... "almost" the end of the war. However, for many of these old warriors on the plane, the war had just begun for them on February 19th of '45. Most were just 18-20 years of age on that day when

they crashed through the waves and surf of Green, Red, Yellow and Blue Beach and fought through the black volcanic sand of "Iwo," and through a barrage of artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. They were part of 70,000 Marines of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine divisions who spearheaded this invasion along with Army, Navy, and Army Air Corps personnel who fought beside them or provided support, and now they were coming back for a reunion... for the last time... and to "say goodbye to Iwo Jima."

I had been able to join this group through my contacts as a war historian - my avocation and hobby. The two of today is not a lot different from what it was in 1945. It was given back to the Japanese government. Only a small defense force which maintains one, airstrip inhabits the island. I do not believe anyone lives there on a permanent basis and I cannot imagine that anyone would want to.

As you explore this barren and windswept island of death, and the caves and tunnels, there is an eerie and ominous feeling of despair and loneliness. A total of 100,000 (American) men savagely fought over this 8 square miles of volcanic rock for 36 days, and 27,000 of them died. You cannot take a step without knowing that someone fell either dead, wounded or laid in fear on that spot. Also, beneath the feet of the Marines were 16 miles of tunnels and 1500 caverns, which to this day still entomb thousands of the fanatical Japanese defenders. Many of those that did not die in combat committed suicide. The Marines who laid in their fox holes on Mt. Suribachi at night could hear the sickening sound of exploding grenades beneath them as the Japanese blew themselves up.

One of the best friends I made on the trip was 73 year old Bill from Rhode Island. He had joined the Marines at 17, and had already fought the battles of Saipan and Tinian when he hit the beach at Iwo with the 4th Marine Division. Just three days into the battle one of the grotesque ironies of war tore his body apart. Bill's battalion was accidentally strafed by one of our own Marine Corsair Fighters and 21 of his buddies around him were killed. Bill caught four 50 caliber slugs in his back. He remembers little about it, but related that it took 8 hours to get him off Iwo, with at least one Navy corpsman being killed by sniper fire as he tried to move Bill to safety. He told me that he was 5' 10" tall when he joined the Marines, but just 5' 5" when he left after all the surgery and reconstruction. He paid a severe price... but at least lived to retrace his fateful steps 55 years later.

An emotional ceremony was held on the invasion beach while we were at Iwo. Japanese defenders who had survived the battle and many family members of those who died, sat side by side with the American veterans from our trip. Military and civilian dignitaries from both sides spoke. The tears shed on the beach that day were not those of the pain and suffering of 55 years ago, but rather of the sadness of loss and aching that has lingered in the hearts of all to this day. A dramatic moment occurred when a Marine Corps vet presented the Japanese representative with a small religious statue he had removed from the clenched fist of a

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dead Japanese. He said he had kept it in his dresser drawer for all of these 55 years and related that every morning he has awakened with a knot in his stomach thinking about that statue and the memories it brought back. As he handed it over he said, "Maybe now I can finally get a good night's rest."

I had noticed a U.S. Navy ship moving back and forth across the invasion beach area during the ceremony. We learned that night that a burial at sea had been conducted from that ship. The ashes of a retired Marine colonel had been spread, apparently his last request had been to rejoin in death the many Marines who had died before him on Iwo Jima. So, while the old veterans of our trip were preparing to leave after "saying goodbye to Iwo Jima" and their fallen comrades for the last time... the deceased colonel was returning to his chosen last retreat, his final home... the sands of Iwo Jima.

As our plane lifted off for our return to Guam, we circled one last time over Iwo. As I looked down on that blackened island as it disappeared into the night, and once so stained with the blood of brave men, I wondered why it all had to happen.

It started with Pearl Harbor and spread to forbidding sounding places like Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Peleliu, Bougainville, Kwajalein, Roi-namur, Okinawa... and the list goes on. Thus, Iwo Jima was just another one of those names - previously unknown islands and atolls where American teenagers became men, or where they became souls in heaven much too early in life. A fellowship of courage, both in life and in death.

Each island battle was fought in almost exactly the same way, as best described by Lt. General Holland Smith, USMC, when he said in regard to Saipan... "A campaign in which men crawled, clubbed, shot, burned and bayoneted each other to death." There are no preps, words to describe war.

As we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th, remember the patriotism, heroism, and sacrifice of those Americans who fought on Iwo Jima. They symbolize the bravery of all the men and women who have fought in all the battles in all the wars that have given us the freedom we enjoy today.

Arrow points to the approximate spot Marine Charles Kennett thinks he and his group landed on the black sand Iwo Jima beach in 1945 under heavy hostile fire. Kennett was wounded but survived and took this picture several months ago on a return visit he and his wife Jean made to the area.

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EMPLOYEES BEING ASK TO MAKE SACRIFICE

Dorsey Trailers in financial strain

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailer employees officially heard last week that many of the rumors circulating in the plant and on the streets of Elba were true. The company is in a financial strain and without a miracle and/or financial sacrifice by employees, the trailer manufacturing firm would be forced to close its doors.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, company CEO John Pugh, was in Elba discussing the situation with employees and with union officials.

A news release issued Wednesday afternoon described the actions as the initial phase of its restructuring plan after engaging a crisis management and turnaround firm to help the company develop a plan of survival. This at a time when the trailer industry is in the midst of a "softening" market, as industry cuts back on investing in new rolling stock.

Pugh said the Recovery Group and management have spent an intense two weeks, reviewing Dorsey's status. "We have concluded that staffing cuts in management, salaried employees and administrative employees will be implemented immediately." These cuts will affect approximately 50% of this employee grouping. The CEO said, "I feel very strongly that the pain should be felt at the top first."

Mr. Pugh spoke to *The Elba Clipper*.



John Pugh

On Thursday morning and the information in the news release and explained what was being told to hourly employees in a series of group meetings over the three day period.

The announcement also said there would be reductions in the hourly work force, as well as re-assigning employees to take cuts in their pay package, but with appropriate "payback" language in the agreement to restore the pay and benefits to current levels - and more if Dorsey survives. Pugh offered to meet regularly with union officials to review the situation.

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troller, and Ms. Laura Roan, VP-Sales as well as Pugh.

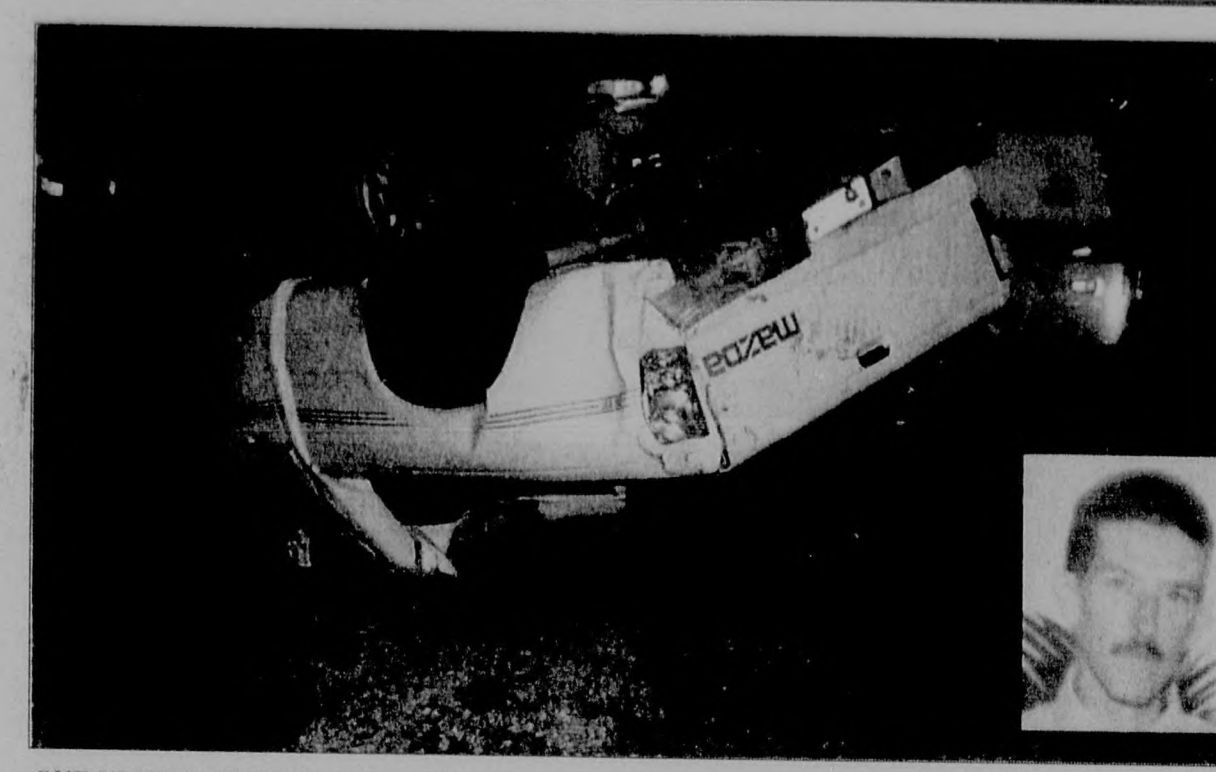
The Atlanta corporate office will become primarily a national sales office with limited administrative and finance functions. All other corporate functions will be handled from the manufacturing plants. Pugh explained in an interview locally on Thursday morning.

In a prepared letter addressed to all Elba employees and their families, Pugh and Loneragan were open and blunt about the current status of the company's financial situation. "Simply put, we are overdrawn at the bank. The only hope of survival is to try and restructure the company financially so that we can show the people who finance the operation that we can successfully survive this difficult period, we can get back on our feet and eventually make money again the way we have in years past."

Pugh explained that they were asking union members and other hourly employees to take cuts in their pay package, but with appropriate "payback" language in the agreement to restore the pay and benefits to current levels - and more if Dorsey survives. Pugh offered to meet regularly with union officials to review the situation.

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ONE-VEHICLE WRECK FATAL TO ONE...Coffee County man, Gregory Kendall Crook, 38, of the Victoria Community was fatally injured last Thursday evening when the small pickup truck he was driving left the road, overturned several times, throwing him out of the vehicle. The tragic crash occurred on Taylor Mill Road (Co. Rd. 364) in the Saddle Hill Community. The Elba Police Department were notified of the accident shortly after 6 p.m. at which time patrol units and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene arriving within minutes of the call. Crook was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Marvin Sholly. Crook's body was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science's lab in Dothan where an autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office. They were assisted at the scene by Elba police officers.

Coffee County Commission sworn in

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The first order of business in Monday's bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission was the election of its members.

There will be one new face joining the returning commissioners for this four-year term. Jim Thompson, the Republican nominee, out polled incumbent Len Averett and the Reform candidate Randy Lunford to represent District 6 on the commission.

Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis, Robert Stephens, Doug Dalrymple, Bernest Brooks and Tom Grimsley, representing Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 respectively, all were successful in their bid for reelection to the commission.

The oath-of-office was administered to all the commissioners simultaneously by Circuit Judge Robert Barr. One commissioner, Bernest Brooks, was not present Monday for the swearing in ceremony. Reportedly, he was on a



Linda Westbrook

A motion made by Commissioner Stephens that the election process of the chairman be changed allowing the commissioners from Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6 to elect a chairman for the next four years in that order. His reasoning was that this would allow each district representative to serve as chairman of the commission. The commissioners in Districts 2, 3 & 7 (Stephens, Lewis and Grimsley) were omitted because they have previously served as chairman.

After a brief discussion of Stephens' motion, Commissioner

Westbrook made a motion that the matter be tabled. This motion failed in a 3-3 tie vote. Westbrook, Lewis and Thompson voted for the motion while Grimsley, Dalrymple and Stephens opposed the motion. The original motion - Stephens' motion - failed to pass by a 2-4 vote (Stephens and Dalrymple for and Westbrook, Lewis, Grimsley and Thompson against) putting the commission back to square one - the election of a chairman.

After casting secret ballots for a chairman and vice-chairman, it was announced that Commissioner Westbrook and newly-elected Commissioner Jim Thompson would serve as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

A short recess was then declared by Chairman Lewis to allow family members and other guests present time to offer congratulations to the new commissioners and to partake of the refreshments that had been prepared.

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Elba Council votes to change insurance carriers and get lower coverage rates

The Elba City Council made three board appointments, closed part of a street and changed insurance carriers. They also agreed to accept the second bidder on a house sale after the high bidder withdrew. Drayton Avenue, in front of the Elba General Hospital, will be closed permanently, following a unanimous vote by the Elba City Council. The hospital owns all but two parcels of the adjoining property.

ty and owners of those two properties have agreed to the closing. The hospital plans to expand their parking lot outward, utilizing part of the street, curbing area, etc. due to increased needs and the loss of parking spaces in the ongoing facility expansion. Vehicles will still be able to travel the area to doctor's offices, but lanes will be narrower.

Three local citizens were reappointed to additional terms on boards they are presently serving. William Scarborough was reappointed to the Elba Housing Authority for a term of five years. Charles Hayes and Mike McGuire were each reappointed to another term on the Elba Airport Authority for another six year term.

The council heard insurance agent Ronnie Young explain that the insurance carrier who is presently serving the City of Elba has had its rating downgraded and if additional problems occur could become unable to fulfill their obligations with the City. Young recommended that Elba change to AMIC, a mutual company owned by the municipalities of Alabama. Elba has been part owner of this company since it began some 15 years ago but stopped using them for coverage after cost got prohibitive. Recent changes in the company's rate structure and management makes their coverage more attractive.

Elba will be paying \$76,512 a year (compared to \$78,789 from the present company). An additional incentive will be a discount to \$74,982 if Elba stays with this same policy for three years.

The firm underwriting the City's Workman Comp insurance has served notice of non renewal when the current policy expires. The council voted to purchase this insurance from Linden Property Insurance Company at a cost of \$34,947 a year. That is also a rate reduction. Monthly bills totaling \$21,412.27 were approved for payment.

The council members discussed the options of accepting the next bid or rebidding the fixed buy-out house at 831 South Avenue. The original high bidder withdrew his bid, telling city officials that his plans had changed. The council ultimately voted to accept the only other bid, from Roland Howell, as it exceeded the minimum required 15% of purchase cost.

NOTICE

The deadlines for next week's edition of *The Elba Clipper* will be as follows: Church & Social News - 5 p.m. Friday, November 17th. All other news Noon Monday, November 20th. All Ad deadlines are Noon Monday also.

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NEWS BRIEF

Drug arrests continue on those individuals indicted by a recent Coffee County grand jury. Arrested last week was Rob Stinson, 28-year-old B/M, 709 Roosevelt Drive, Elba - four charges of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (crack). He was released on bonds totaling \$60,000.00.

Cutts pleads guilty to double murder

by Marvin McLain, Editor

On Wednesday of last week (Nov. 8), an Enterprise man entered a plea of guilty in the double murder of his father, Russell Cutts Sr., and his step-mother, Leighanne Manning Cutts.

Russell William Cutts Jr., 20, was scheduled to go to trial on Monday, Dec. 4, in the Enterprise Division of Coffee County. Judge Robert Barr was set to hear the case.

In entering his guilty plea, an agreement was reached between the prosecution and defense that his maximum sentence would be life in prison without the possibility of

parole. The state had originally planned to seek the death penalty. A mini-trial before a jury of Cutts' peers was held Monday in the Enterprise Courthouse.

Although the accused had pleaded guilty, this was required as it is a formality in all capital murder cases. In entering his voluntary guilty plea, Cutts waived his right to a full trial.

At the time Cutts formally entered his guilty plea, Judge Barr asked the him several times if he understood his plea and if he was entering his plea voluntarily. Cutts replied in the affirmative.

Cutts' attorneys, Paul Young along with Debbie and Mike Jared, all stated that they had discussed all his options with him many times, and he told them that this is what he felt he needed to do.

After hearing testimony from one state witness, it took the jury composed of three women and nine men less than thirty minutes to return a guilty verdict in the double murder.

Judge Barr sentenced Cutts to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Earlier this year, in January, Jere-

Area Happenings

STATE FOOTBALL PLAY-OFFS. The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep their state championship hopes alive Friday night when they host the Maplesville Red Devils in a match-up of two of the state's winningest small school football programs. Kick-off is at 7:00 p.m.

ELBA'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Elba's Annual Christmas Festival and Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in having a unit in the parade is urged to contact Jimmy Harrison at the Briar Patch (897-8591), or evenings at 897-2055. Parade categories include: float; decorated vehicle; walking/marching unit; equestrian unit. Each category will be judged and ribbons awarded to the top three units in each category. Deadline to enter the parade is Nov. 20.

HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE. The City of Elba offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be standby crews for emergencies with water, electric, street or sewer. To report any emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be as follows: Monday - as usual; Tuesday - Tuesday's and Thursday's route will be picked up on this day; Wednesday - as usual; Friday - as usual.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Reprinting out of a little bulletin we get from Mr. Olive Pickle Company, they are trying to sell pickles but this time endeared their company with a whole lot of English teachers around the country. Many of us missed the message in this about punctuation during our high school (and college) years, but it bears repeating.

An English teacher wrote the words, "Woman without her man is a savage" on the blackboard (no punctuation) and directed the students to capitalize and punctuate them correctly.

Almost all the women wrote: "Women without her man is a savage." Almost all the men wrote: "Women without her man is a savage." One woman, who had a job writing descriptions of films for TV Guide, wrote: "WOMAN WITHOUT. Her man is a savage." One man, whose name was Herman, wrote: "Woman without Herman is a savage."

It is amazing how a few commas, caps, etc. can completely change the meaning of a group of words.

Don't ask us what is going to happen in the presidential mess... we wrote last week that after a couple of days of telling us who won and/or why it happened, the national news media would be back to their normal crisis creating and/or reporting. That right there, shows how much we don't know about what is going to happen in the world five minutes from now. As we speak, there is a feeding frenzy in the media on the whole election and it shows no sign of abating.

The above reality not withstanding, we can't help but voice a couple of opinions on the current situation. First, Richard Nixon had enough love and respect for the country that he declined to challenge a state vote that might have elected him president over JFK. He reportedly declined the advice of others, "for the good of the country." That puts Richard Nixon (who later resigned under pressure from the presidency) out there with more class and true interest in America than either of the two major national candidates for the office. Not a pleasant thought. We heard one person on national TV comment that she wasn't impressed with either of the major candidates this year and honestly thought we would get rid of one of the other of them after last Tuesday, but much to her disappointment, we just got more of both.

The second opinion is that you can expect a major overhaul of the Florida election system before another election... and that overhaul may spread to a lot of other states.

One more comment, added Tuesday afternoon. Please, someone, do something and bring this mess to a halt. Already we anticipate four years of reminders of the confusion of the past week. We also anticipate that a large number of people will be disgruntled over the outcome... whichever way it is ultimately decided or whoever else the deciding. They (or we) will spend the next four years grumbling about stolen votes. But remember the lessons we were taught as a youngster over yonder in the branchheads of Covington County and that is the importance of voting "early and often."

There is no magic bullet out there which is going to cure all the flood dangers for Elba (or any community). However, there are a lot of different things which can be done and will at least help in particular circumstances. Last Thursday afternoon Marion Cook, with the Alabama Geological Survey, addressed a group of Elba people on that matter and offered a number of suggestions which would be helpful in reducing the chance of severe damage to the community. These are long range ideas, but most of us expect to be here for a long time. Hopefully, Elba city officials will be able to implement some or all of these recommendations, even if they put them on the shelf and work on them one at a time. It will be good for the community and some of his suggestions are relatively inexpensive.

The tragic fire in the Austrian cable car last weekend almost had a direct, and horrible connection with our family. Daughter Michele commented Sunday about her and Tom (Heddy's son-in-law) riding up in that same car during a vacation trip a couple of years ago. Our heart goes out to the families of those who died in the fire, and we are thankful that our loved ones were there at another time and on another day. Oh, and before the darts start coming this way, we long ago accepted Tom as our son-in-law also. (Please don't tell him we admitted that.) He has passed muster by living up to his promise of treating our darling daughter well.

It would be improper to mention any of our children without reminding you of that darling little granddaughter who also visited a white Sunday. In fact just about the whole family was around at meal time. Anyway, the patented smile of that four-month-old sure does melt the hard heart of a certain group of 'gray headed newspaper publisher'.

It is not known at this writing exactly what will happen at Dorsey Trailers, but long time employees and local outside observers acknowledge the company has had it's up and downs before. However, one person close to the present situation said he doesn't remember things ever being this bad before. There is a lot at stake and Dorsey Trailers is important to all the people of Elba. We can only hold our breath and pray they find a workable solution.

Governor Don Siegelman is promoting a project for deer hunters to donate their excess venison to feeding the hungry folks in the communities of Alabama. Called *Alabama Hunters Helping the Hungry*, this is a worthy project and needs statewide support. We hear successful hunters every year complaining of having more deer meat than they need or can store it, and this is the perfect solution. It will also take off a lot of heavy pressure of Daniel Boone from over stressed wives who need some of the freezer space for things they consider more important, or at least as important as all that venison, especially since there is still deer meat in the freezer left from last year. To find your nearest participating meat processor (these have agreed to do it for free), go to www.deerstate.al.us/agd/hungry.html on the internet, call the local Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries district office or call the main office in Montgomery at (334) 242-3467.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 6, 2000, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, three thefts of property, one accidental homicide, six criminal misdeeds, three trespasses, one assault, one harassment, and one breaking and entering of a vehicle.

The following arrests were made: four for distribution of a controlled substance, three for failure to appear, one for minor in possession of alcohol, one for illegally breaking and entering a vehicle, and one for giving false information to a police officer.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, two for driver's license not in possession, one for an expired tag, one for no insurance, one for no brake lights, one for driving without a license, one for seat belt, and one for violation of the seat belt law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
River stage - 2:10 (6:32 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at Danley's Crossroads (4:27 p.m.); routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
River stage - 2:08 (6:40 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (7:32 a.m.); Burglary reported at Elba Feed & Seed (7:49 a.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on Guyton Street (9:47 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
River stage - 2:21 (6:16 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Elba Texas (12:38 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 110 (4:06 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Possible burglary reported at Weeks Tire (12:38 a.m.); Possible burglary reported at Bradley's Florist (2:09 a.m.); Possible burglary reported at Lee's Construction (3:14 a.m.); Possible burglary reported at Gene's Auto Sales (3:58 a.m.); River stage - 2:30 (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence in Little Beaver Trailer Court (7:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kelly's Big B-Q (8:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Edgewood Drive (10:36 a.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (5:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Taylor Mill Road (5:54 p.m.).

BE SAFE & BE CAREFUL

NOTICE

The Caroline Street Bridge is being closed until further notice by the City of Elba Street Department

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Court-house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1211.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ALBAMA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** Tues. 5 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **GRIFF SUPPORT GROUP** Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 8:30 p.m. - Supl. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-8859.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Dinscott hangar.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.

Stop Criminals From Stealing Your Identity

(NAPS)—You may get some big surprises on your credit report someday. The report may show a few credit card accounts you never applied for, all charged to the limit, or a cellular phone account with a whopping balance.

You may even be shocked to learn you have a new address thousands of miles from your home!

If so, you're a victim of identity theft, a crime U.S. Postal Inspectors say is sweeping the country. Here are some things you can do to make it more difficult for crooks to steal your name.

• **Be aware of when your credit cards expire.** If you don't receive them in the mail by the expiration date, call the issuer immediately.

• **Don't toss out those credit card statements without shredding them first.** Criminals don't necessarily need your credit cards—just your account numbers.

• **Shred pre-approved credit card applications before throwing them out.** It crooks get a hold of these, they can apply for credit cards in your name without your knowledge.

• **Postal Inspectors are federal law enforcement agents responsible for enforcing more than 200 federal statutes that deal with the United States Postal Service and the U.S. Mail.**

The results of this presidential election are still pending and will be until at least November 17th. After Bush was declared the winner, the closeness of the election results, under Florida law, mandated an immediate recount. Vice President Gore, in a live television broadcast, indicated he would abide with the results of the recount.

Before the recount even began, shouts of voter fraud and other irregularities were voiced and threats by Gore that lawsuits would be filed to seek a new election. This is unheard of rhetoric in our country. Now we have observed the election, a recount, a second recount by hand, with the counters making decisions on the intent of the individual voters, based on what they saw. The recount was placed on the voter cards. Were one, two or three threads broken by the force of the punch made on the card. When is this outrage going to stop?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am so disgusted with the present election hallelujah that I can't see straight. So we live in the most democratic society of the world or a communist dictatorship? I am beginning to wonder. Unfortunately, this election and the conduct of Vice President Gore, brings to mind a recent election in Bosnia when Slobodan Milosevic, the Communist leader, lost the election. He immediately called for a new election and this resulted in an armed conflict and bloodshed.

Before the ex-president stepped down. Hopefully, we haven't reached this level of unrest in the United States of America.

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year are painful, and as we near the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays they will be even more painful. But the option of no livelihood at all is, obviously, far worse... and that is the old hard truth facing all of us now.

During the newspaper interview, Pugh and labor attorney Mike Mitchell discussed the fact that the banks are holding the company on a short leash and it is not a guarantee that they will accept the plan the company has formulated and hopes to present to them later this month.

They also explained the pending layoffs with data concerning the current 150 unit rate of production, which will reduce to about 50 units upon the completion of the Fed Ex plant next week. The CEO has indicated that it is hoped the layoffs will be temporary and short lived, but that will be governed by orders for trailers.

One option Pugh discussed, which is not in any of the printed releases, is that a last ditch measure to save the company would be to fold the other two Dorsey plants into the Elba operation. Nothing is

said, he explained. Mr. Pugh continued by stressing that Elba is the flagship plant for Dorsey Trailers and without it operating, there just is no Dorsey Trailers.

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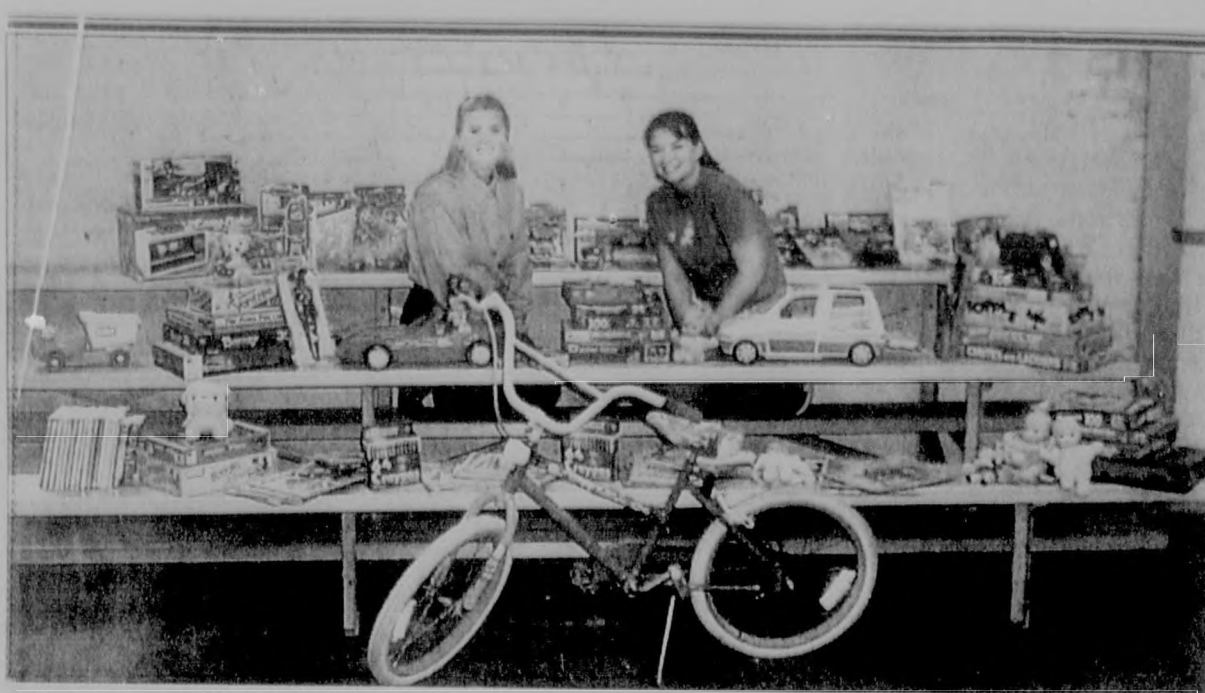
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David's Heart to be in concert in area

DAVID'S HEART will be in concert at Klondike Gospel Music Center on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Klondike is located on Hwy. 123 between Ozark and Newton. Westview Baptist Church, located at 809 Damaskus Road in Enterprise will host DAVID'S HEART on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be taken at each concert. The public is invited to attend.

Church-wide Thanksgiving Service to be held November 19th

The Church-wide area Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba Assembly of God Church, located on Highland Drive. Everyone is invited to attend.



SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH will have a gospel singing on Saturday, Nov. 18, featuring The Williamson Family from Crestview, Fla. There will be a cover dish meal at 6 p.m., and the singing will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Round And About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: Esther 9:1-16

***Thinking of you, praying for you. Carrie Bell Farrell, Mary Alice Pierce, Kimberly Russell, Evelyn Manning, Muriel Austin, Ruth Belcher, Julia Barnes, Thelma Clark, Jo Ann Warren, Pearl Mincey, Johnnie Yelverton, Carolyn Lawrence. ***First Sermon of Bro. Roderick Ridaux at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, will be Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. Monthly Motivation: All mothers are handicapped. The have only two hands. Enola P. McMillan, first woman to become executive director of the NAACP. ***Gospel Explosion at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, will be Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. A & B Selections are requested from each choir. ***Baptismal Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, following morning worship service at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba. Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria



THE BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT TROOP #296 sponsored by Elba United Methodist Church collected canned food for the Christian Mission. We collected 35 cans of food (that was pretty good for eleven little girls).

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

Church Directory

<p>ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Randy Noel, Minister Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY J.E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Alma Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Homer E. Moore, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J.L. 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Flowers, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Whit, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Walter Faulk, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH John D. Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WHITETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH Bruce Williams, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST Rev. Alfred Ivor, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Sammy Maddox, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Thursday Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES

Employees retire from MacArthur State Technical College

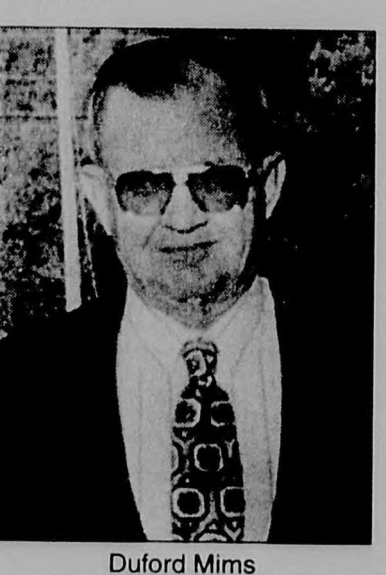
Four faculty and staff members have retired from MacArthur State Technical College since Aug. 17. William Church, Duford Mims, Philip Scarborough and Vivian Stewart have contributed a total of 54 years in service to the college.



William Church
WILLIAM CHURCH

William Church, known as "Sarge" to his colleagues, was employed as custodian at MacArthur for 16 years. Often arriving for work before 5 a.m., Mr. Church was recognized for his cheerful, positive outlook by MacArthur President Wayne Bennett. "Sarge was the first person I saw when I arrived on campus every day, and he set the tone for my day," he said. "He is one of the finest men I've ever met."

Prior to employment at MacArthur, Mr. Church served for 21 years in the Army. An Andalusia citizen, Mr. Church is a member and Sunday School teacher at Mr. Moriah Baptist Church. In a farewell address to fellow faculty and staff members in August, Mr. Church stated, "I say to the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of my life, and to all of you, I am surely thankful for you all. I hope that the work I have done and my dedication will make a mark on MacArthur for a long time."



Duford Mims

Duford Mims began his career at MacArthur State Technical College in 1965. As transportation supervisor, he performed maintenance procedures on all buses to ensure safe, reliable transportation for students. "Duford will be missed," said Mr. Bennett. "His straightforward, no-nonsense approach to work was refreshing."

Mr. Mims, a resident of Babbie,

served for 24 years in the Air Force. After retiring from service, he earned diplomas in Automotive Mechanics and Diesel and Heavy Equipment from MacArthur State Technical College. He plans to spend more time with his grandchildren, travel, work on his family farm, and do a lot of hunting and fishing.



Philip Scarborough

Philip Scarborough served as drafting instructor since 1989. A graduate of Auburn University, he earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and went to work as an engineer for Dorsey Trailers immediately after graduation. A citizen of Elba, Mr. Scarborough worked for Dorsey for 30 years before accepting the teaching position at MacArthur. He served on several committees at the college, providing leadership as faculty chairperson and as chairperson of the Physical Facilities Committee.

Described by Mr. Bennett as "everybody's friend, quiet, serious, a real engineer," Mr. Scarborough said he enjoyed working with students, faculty and staff. "I really enjoyed working here," Mr. Scarborough said. "I don't think I've ever asked for help from anybody that I didn't get it. I could go to someone here about any question I had whether it was about a car or a computer."



Vivian Stewart

Vivian Stewart, evening cosmetology instructor, began her own shop, The Golden Touch, in 1967. She received her instructor license in 1988 and began teaching evening cosmetology classes at MacArthur. She was appointed to the State Board of Cosmetology in April 1998. "The board exists to protect

the public against the spread of disease," Ms. Stewart said. "Inspectors are employed by the board to make sure that salons are safe and that operators are licensed. It is my desire to help accomplish goals to make the profession as good as it can possibly be."

Mr. Bennett stated that her experience on the board allowed Ms. Stewart "to provide insights to her students that they would not otherwise get."

An Opp citizen and member of First Methodist Church, Ms. Stewart said that she planned to "get more involved in church, enjoy being at home, and enjoy my grandchildren."

Azalea Garden Club members exchange plants at November meeting

The Azalea Garden Club met on Nov. 8 at the Elba Public Library. Members present were: Ruth Inman, Martha Girdner, Lynda Biddle, Betty Cox, Iva McCrory, Betty Vaughan, Wanda Shirley, Judy Eastburn, Carol Jackson, Martha Guerrero, Betty Rogers, Elaine Martin, Katherine Kelley, Annie Laura Wright and Vivian Lee.

Lynda Biddle served as hostess, and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Members brought plants and exchanged them along with tips on how to care for them.

Parker-Smith Reunion planned for November 18th

All relatives of Andrew and Myrtle (Wilson) Parker and Jesse J. and Mamie Belle (Wise) Smith are invited to a reunion. It will be on Nov. 18 at the American Legion Hall in Elba.

Please bring a covered dish and a choice of drink. Utensils and ice are not furnished.

American Cancer Society selects Linda Andress to chair C.C. Memorials

The American Cancer Society has selected Linda Andress as the Memorial Chair for Coffee County. Memorials are a great way to memorialize or honor a cancer patient. Memorial can be made at any time throughout the year. For more information or to make a memorial donation to the American Cancer Society contact Linda Andress at 347-3411, ext. 212, or mail donations to: P.O. Box 31090, Enterprise, AL 36331. Donations benefit the educational, support, and rehabilitation programs of the Society.

Local senior citizens attend "Emotional and Spiritual Fitness Seminar"

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, Douglas MacArthur State Technical College welcomed senior citizens from the surrounding area on campus for the Senior Citizen Living Healthy Satellite Conference Series. The "Emotional and Spiritual Fitness Seminar," the first in a series of five programs, was presented to senior citizens from Opp, Kinston, Elba, New Hope and New Brockton.

In the months to come, other seminars will be held to discuss topics of interest to seniors such as financial fitness, personal safety, mental fitness, nutrition and exercise.

St. Columba Catholic Women's Club's Arts & Crafts Show is Dec. 2

The St. Columba Catholic Women's Club is holding its annual Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Dec. 2 in Dothan. The event will be held in the Parish Hall directly behind the church, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Many talented crafters and artists from all over the Wiregrass area will be displaying and selling a wide variety of merchandise. The Women's Club will be selling and serving lunches, snacks and drinks.



SEAN AND LORETTA MCNAIR of Tampa, Fla., announce the birth of a son, Sammy Nole, April 28, 2000. Sammy is the grandson of LaWanna (Hocutt) Flowers and the late Ray Flowers of Crawfordville, Fla.; the great-grandson of Evelyn (Whitman) Hocutt and the late George Hocutt and Pearl Flowers and the late Cleverly Flowers of Elba; and the great-great-grandson of Mrs. Della Whitman and the late Flournoy Whitman of Elba. With the birth of Sammy, the family celebrates five living generations of Whitmans spanning 92 years. Pictured (from left): Della Whitman, Sean McNair - holding his son, LaWanna Flowers, Sammy McNair and Evelyn Hocutt.

Enterprise Pilot Club Tour of Homes set for Sunday afternoon, December 3rd

This year's Pilot Club of Enterprise Christmas Tour of Homes will be Sunday, Dec. 3.

The tour will be from 1-5 p.m. and will include seven homes, the Tartan Pines Club House, the Depot, and the "Could Be Corner" at Rawls Warehouse.

The tour will include the following homes: Bob Rendizio, 401 West Adams Street; Charles and Linda Lee and Betty Story, 404 Glenn Street; Captain Derek Kovacs, 434

West College Street; Keith and Betty Groom, 1811 Moates Road; Ben and Carol Travis, 129 Tom Morris Lane (Tartan Pines); and Charles and Carole Seitz, 105 Victoria Way. Also featured on the tour will be "Could Be Corner" created by Amanda Beckwith at the Rawls Warehouse building and the old depot located behind the Rawls Hotel.

The Tartan Pines Club House will be another stop on the tour where refreshments will be served.

compliments of the Tartan Pines Golf Community. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and may be purchased from any Pilot Club member or at West Gate Book and Gift Shop and at Merle Norman Cosmetics & Beauty Salon, downtown Enterprise. On the day of the tour, tickets will be \$10 and will be sold only at the Depot.

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Refreshments will be served

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz
This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Tabitha Schultz, a 17-year-old employee at Haywood's Discount Drugs. A couple of her duties include assisting the customers and cleaning.

Tabitha is the daughter of Debra and Gary Ledbetter and is a senior at Elba High School. She is a member of Journalism, VICA and Mu Alpha Theta.

After graduation, Tabitha plans on attending college to be a Psychologist.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Amanda
Beerenstrauch

TIGER BRIEFS

Engineer Presentation

by Chris Turner

On Oct. 30, Bob Brownly spoke to a few Elba High School seniors in the Home Economics Lab. Mr. Brownly talked about different careers in engineering. He also discussed the good and bad aspects of being an engineer. Mr. Brownly handed out papers from the web site that would be useful to anyone interested in the field. Mr. Brownly also talked about his career as an engineer. He explained that even though he stayed with one company for a long time, it is more likely to work for many different companies and that engineers have to go where the jobs are. In Alabama, he said, the jobs would more likely be in Huntsville and Tuscaloosa. Mr. Brownly spoke about how as an engineer, as well as engineers are not rich, but they are not poor, either. An engineer starts off at about forty thousand a year, if not more. Bob Brownly was very inspirational for the students. His speech gave students a good perspective of what it's like to be an engineer. Thank you, Mr. Brownly, for your presentation.

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Red Ribbon Week Theme: Drug Free Way To Be

by Carmenda Coleman
National Red Ribbon Week began on October 23 and ended on October 27. The theme for the week was, "Drug Free Way To Be."

On Monday, students were asked to wear a red ribbon to show that they were drug free.

Tuesday was "Suck It To Drugs" day and the students were asked to wear red or crazy socks.

Wednesday was "Tie One On Against Drugs" day, the students were allowed to wear the craziest ties they could find.

Thursday's theme was "I'm Too Cool For Drugs" day and the students were allowed to wear sunglasses between classes.

On Friday, the students were asked to wear caps because the theme was "Put A Cap on Drugs" day.

A thanks was issued to the students in advance from Dean Ball for their support in striving for a drug free community.

Boy Scouts' Child Find Program

Every day in America a child is reported missing. Many are never found.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the Courthouse Square in Elba, Justin Williams of Boy Scout Troop 37 will be conducting a Child Find.

Members of the troop will fingerprint and photograph children for their parent's records. The service will be provided free of charge.

This Eagle Scout Service Project is being done with the cooperation of the Elba Police Department.

Elba High School's College Day

by Amanda Beerenstrauch
"What college are you interested in?" Every year, seniors dread hearing those words.

This year on Thursday, October 26, students from Elba, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel received help answering that question.

Representatives from colleges and universities across Alabama, as well as various branches of the military, participated in Elba High School's College Day.

The students were able to talk to the representatives, find information on colleges they were interested in, and discover colleges they didn't even know existed.

Mrs. Lynn Weeks, guidance counselor, said, "I think it's good for us to host these kinds of events and invite other schools. It gives the students the opportunity to meet and get to know each other. It's more convenient for the students because they don't have to spend a lot of time gathering information. The information is made readily available to them, and the representatives can answer any questions they may have about a particular college."

Based on the response of the students, College Day can be considered a success.



Students talked with college representatives.

Electrical Safety & Wiring Workshop

by Amy Kirkland

On October 23-25, an electrical safety and wiring workshop was held at Elba High School.

Covington Electric Cooperative and the Agriscience Department at EHS made the workshop possible.

The object of the workshop was to teach students to respect electricity, the value of electricity and how to properly use electricity. Students were taught how to properly wire switches, ground plugs and light fixtures.

The participants in the workshop were students enrolled in the agriscience class: Brandon Bowers, Garret Bowers, Mark Brunson, Colby Capps, Lance Cross, Matthew Curran, Mary Katherine Head, Tyler Norris, Lowayne Parks, Brandon Salter, Andy Waddell, and Eric Wambles.

The winners of the electrical wiring competition were Brandon



Students observe safety demonstration.

Salter and Eric Wambles. They each received a T-shirt from Covington Electric Cooperative for winning the competition.

Troy State University announces scholarship auditions

TROY, Ala.—Troy State University's College of Communication and Fine Arts has announced that scholarship auditions will be held Friday, Dec. 1, Thursday, Feb. 1, and Friday and Saturday, March 16 and March 17.

Students are invited to audition in one or more of the following areas: instrumental music, musical theater, piano, theatre and vocal music. A substantial scholarship program is in place to aid talented students in financing their education at TSU.

Among the many performance opportunities available to students are "Sound of the South" Marching Band, theatre and theatre musical productions, Collegiate Singers, Symphony Band and Chamber Winds, jazz and jazz chamber ensembles, Chamber Choir and Opera Ensemble.

For more information contact the John M. Long of School of Music at (334) 670-3322 or the Department of Speech and Theatre at (334) 670-3714.

Student Spotlight

by Francie English
Name: Arrian Bowers
Parents: Buddy and Renita Bowers
Age: 12 years-old
Grade: 7th
Favorite color: Pink, Purple, and Lime Green

Interests/Hobbies: Swimming and hanging out with friends.
Personal quote: "Always be yourself, never be like anyone else."

Arrian's favorite class at Elba High School is PE because it gives her a break from the other classes.

Her favorite thing at school is the pep rallies. The one class that she would like to take that isn't offered at EHS is a French class.

Arrian plans on attending Auburn after she graduates. Following that, she would like to become a pharmacist.

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FBLA 2000-2001 Officers Elected



On Sept. 13, the Future Business Leaders of America elected officers. They are as pictured above (l-r): front row - Brittany Daniels, Reporter and Devotional Leader - Miranda Russell; back row - President - Michelle Campbell; Secretary - Kristy Ward; Treasurer - Anthony Burks; and Parliamentarian - Kara Giles. Not pictured is Vice President - Lee Stricklin.

State Fair Winners From Coffee County

Residents of Coffee County won \$2,310 in prize money and awards during the 2000 Alabama National Fair. The fair was held Oct. 6-15 at the Alabama Agricultural Center (Garrett Coliseum and fairgrounds). A total of \$97,080 was paid in prize money and awards to winners during the 47th annual fair, according to Hazel Ashmore, general manager.

Enterprise High School FFA won \$900 in the Future Farmers of America exhibit competition. Coffee County 4-H Club of New Brockton won \$900 in the 4-H exhibit competition.

Junior Beef Division winners were: Kendall Amis of Enterprise, \$10; Julie Boyd of Enterprise, \$50; Elizabeth Farris of Elba, \$85; Gary Henderson of New Brockton, \$50; Christine Whitaker of New Brockton, \$80; Elizabeth Bope of Chancellor, \$55; Kristin Bope of Chancellor, \$40; and Michelle Jones of New Brockton, \$50.

New Staff Member



Ms. Shasta Farris has joined the Zion Chapel staff as a P.E. aide and as an assistant coach for girls basketball and softball.

Ms. Farris is a graduate of Kinston High School. She attended Huntingdon College for one semester and Enterprise Junior College for one year before transferring to Troy State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education.

This is her first school position, but she worked at Sally Beauty Supply in Enterprise and at a position in Troy while going to school.

Ms. Farris was asked to comment about her job and she said, "I like my job so far. The faculty and staff here are very nice. I work with Coach Grant and Coach Edwards. They are easy to get along with and make my job interesting. I also enjoy being with all the kids at P.E. every day."



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Exchange Student From Bosnia

Edin Karabeg is a 17-year-old senior that comes to Zion Chapel from Sarajevo, Bosnia. His host is Mr. Greg Adkins, the pastor of the Mt. Olive Assembly of God Church.

Edin lived in Bosnia until the age of nine when he and his mother left because of the war in their country. They went to Germany where they remained until almost two years ago when they returned to Bosnia.

Edin's mother and father are doctors and when Edin and his mother went to Germany, his father stayed in Hamburg, Germany, for six years. At the end of this period, their papers expired and they had to return to Bosnia. Of course, conditions had improved and Edin and his mother had already decided that they were ready to return to Bosnia.

When Edin returned to Bosnia, he found that his studies were much harder than they had been in Germany. In addition, he had trouble understanding the language because he had not spoken it except with his mother for many years.

However, he did better with Bosnian than with understanding English. He says that Southerners speak so fast. He is speaking better and expects that he will definitely improve.

On his trip to the United States, he flew from Sarajevo to Hamburg then to Frankfurt. From Frankfurt he flew to Atlanta where he caught a plane to Dothan. He was met by his host parent in Dothan.



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We Welcome You To Zion Chapel

Jr. High Basketball Season Begins

Nessa Wambles was the high-scoring player in the two opening games of the junior high basketball season. She scored 14 points against Fleeta and 20 points against Kinston.

The Fleeta game was the first of the season and Fleeta stayed out ahead of Zion Chapel the entire game. At the end of the first quarter, the score was Fleeta 8, Zion Chapel 0 and when the game ended Zion Chapel had 20 and Fleeta had 40. Haley Wambles scored 5 points and Brittany Thompson scored 1 point to add to those points made by Nessa Wambles. The team was able to hit only 5 out of 14 at the free-throw line.

The second game ended in a closer score, Zion Chapel 21, Kinston 28. Zion Chapel played the game missing two of the starters because of injuries. One will be out the entire season. Brittany Thompson scored 1 point to add to the Zion Chapel score.

Once there was a couple that was engaged. The man's name was String Bean. His stomach was as small as the head of a pin and he was a mile tall. His fiancée, Harry Helga, was also very skinny. She had hair 100 miles long. It was very silky and beautiful and everyone admired her. Everyone in the village washed and brushed her hair for her. It took 15 hours to get this done.

When String Bean and Harry Helga decided to get married, Harry Helga said she would find the most beautiful dress in the world. She started looking for a dress. She searched the whole world and found the perfect dress. She found that something was missing. Finally, she found out what it was. She was missing a veil. She looked everywhere, but alas, she had no luck. She had searched high and low. Even in a cave. The reason she couldn't find one was because her hair was so long and she wanted the veil to cover her hair. The solution became obvious, but heartbreaking for her. She would have to cut her hair. At first she refused and asked the people to put her hair up in a bun. After that her hair was still

ZCES announces Honor Roll for the 1st grading period

Stephanie Holloway, Tara Howe, Heather McCollough, Alexis Messina, Erika Mount, Johanna Myers, Nicole Napper, Lander Peters, Joshua Richards, Dillon Roberts, Garrett Stinson, Kayla Tracy, Lance Walden, Joey White and Joshua Williams

2nd Grade: Chelsey Freeman, Amber Grissett, Kelly Hatcher, Andrew Little, Kyle Tankersley and Leana Vinson

3rd Grade: Hunter Bass, Khadijah Bell, Mercedes Bell, Nicholas Debose, Paul Gibson, Bradley Jarman, Shelby Gilbert, Stenia Kilcrease, Zachary Leverett, Kirsan Liprot, Tori Lip-

AGRIBUSINESS NEWS

To see agricultural machinery and technology at work and to gather information about colleges and jobs was the reason that juniors and seniors enrolled in Agribusiness classes made the trip to the Ag Expo 2000. They were accompanied by their instructor, Mr. John McCrory.

This mode made the trip to Moultrie, Georgia, by school bus. Using the mode of transportation took a little while longer, but those who attended said that the trip was worth while. In addition to the educational experience, the members of the group said that they had a good time sampling food including peanuts, mixed fruit blends, homemade ice cream, caramel covered apples, hamburgers, and hot dogs. They were able to pet some animals in a livestock display and were able to experiment with tractors and other machinery. Another favorite activity of the group was the stock dogs trials that they were able to observe.

There were also "give-a-ways" where Kristie Hall won a TV, David Eddins won a hat, and Josh Camley won a mug.

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fifty miles long when they finished so she took her hair down. She finally admitted defeat and told the town barber to cut her hair. He said he would and he went to look for a pair of scissors good enough for the task. He found a pair of scissors as big as he was and said, "That should work." He decided he would cut her hair to her shoulders. Right when he was about to cut it, she sprang up so high she touched the moon. When she came back down she felt considerably lighter and considerably empty inside. She looked behind her and saw her miles of hair lying on the ground and got a wonderful idea. She asked everyone to get her all the white dye they had. They dyed all her old hair and cut it up, sewed it, and made it into the shape of a veil. Now she had the longest veil in the world. No one could ever match it.

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4th Grade: Lindsey Amlog, Gatlin Carnley, Corey Carter, Sherry Chapman, Kirsten Collins, Joe Davis, Kati Edwards, Joshua Gilbert, Janale Gladney, Caitlin Grissett, Ethan Mount, Steven Petry, Amber Powell and Justin Winters

5th Grade: Cody Arnold, Jessica Carroll, Cassandra Cole, Jon Fuller, Courtney Grant, Sabrina Hathcock, John Wayne Lambert, Brittany Layton, Summer Parker, Kirsan Rhodes, Roderick Rider, Jonas Simmons, Rebecca Thompson, Travis Walden, Caitlin White and Harry White

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6th Grade: Hunter Bass, Khadijah Bell, Mercedes Bell, Nicholas Debose, Paul Gibson, Bradley Jarman, Shelby Gilbert, Stenia Kilcrease, Zachary Leverett, Kirsan Liprot, Tori Lip-

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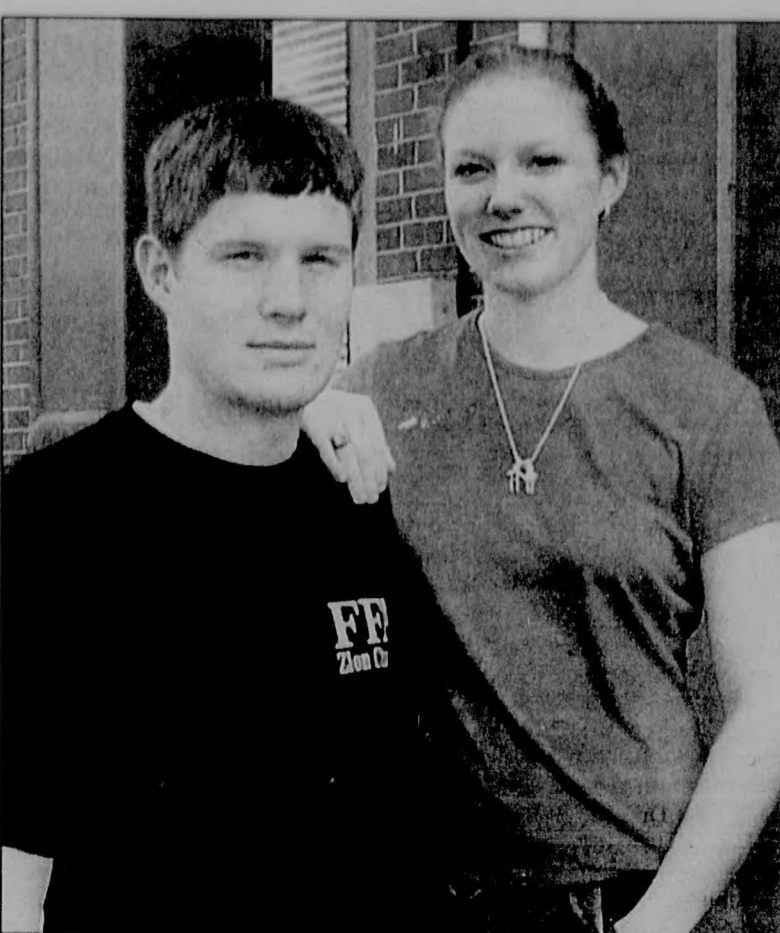
ZC's Football Sweetheart and Mr. Football

Mallorie Bedsole has been named Football Sweetheart and David Eddins has been named Mr. Football.

Football Sweetheart was chosen when each member of the football team was given the names of the senior cheerleaders and was asked to select one of them for the honor. There is a total of five senior cheerleaders. Coach Randy Grant announced that Mallorie had been chosen at the homecoming pep rally. She was presented a football that each football player had signed.

Mallorie has been on the cheerleading squad for four years and is currently holding the position of co-captain. She was chosen because of her dedication, school spirit, hard work, and understanding of her job of generating school spirit in the school and community. When asked how she felt about being named Football Sweetheart, Mallorie said, "I feel that it is a very special honor and it is a privilege to be named Football Sweetheart."

Mr. Football is a senior football player chosen by the varsity cheerleader squad. This year there are ten seniors on the team, so the process was begun by nominating four from among the ten. A vote was then taken by secret ballot and a Mr. Football was chosen. The announcement was made at the



David Eddins and Mallorie Bedsole

homecoming pep rally by Mrs. Katherine Neis, the varsity cheerleader sponsor.

David Eddins was named Mr. Football because of his involvement in the football program for the last four years and the school spirit he exhibits at pep rallies, and the

support he gives the cheerleader squad. When asked how he felt about being chosen, he said, "I feel honored and I feel that it is a privilege to be selected Mr. Football by the cheerleading squad." David was presented a football that had been signed by all the cheerleaders.

Energy Bowl

Kimberly Jordan, Amie Perry, Nichole Mitchell and Charles Spears are the members of the Energy Bowl team that competed this year at Landmark Park in Dothan in late October.

Energy Bowl is a quiz show formatted competition between teams from different schools. Each team in the competition can have four members and one alternate.

Team members study ten different pamphlets that are distributed by Energy Bowl officials before the competition. Toss-up questions are asked and a team member who knows the answer tries to be the first to "buzz in." If the question is answered correctly, a bonus question is then asked and only the team whose member has correctly answered the toss-up can answer. Team members can confer on the bonus. Toss-up questions are worth ten points and bonus questions are worth ten points.

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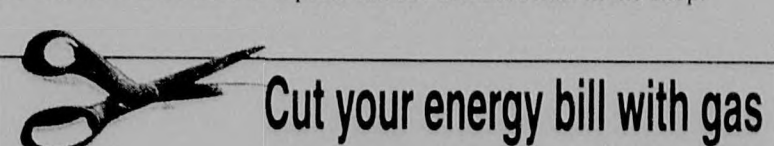


Newspaper staff members Mallorie Bedsole and Heather Arnold pose with playhouse.

Part of the agricultural course of study combines raft construction, wall construction, flooring, and roofing.

The members of the class that meets second period have put into action what they have learned in the classroom. This class of 16 seniors and 7 freshmen has built a 4' x 4' x 8' playhouse that has a 2-foot porch. They designed the porch themselves.

The first house has been built and they have started work on two more. The three houses will then go to the three people who make the most home bid. Bids will be taken sealed and will be opened on November 14. Bids must be higher than \$400 which is needed to cover the cost of materials. Since the materials were not donated, the money raised from the sale of the houses will be used to replace lumber and materials in the shop.



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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took the girls to the Peanut Festival last weekend, and while Mom and Dad enjoyed just walking around and looking at the exhibits, the girls had to get on all the rides that twisted, turned and flipped its riders in every possible way. We caught up with the girls at a ride that flipped its riders upside-down almost non-stop, and really felt sorry for Melanie, who kept her eyes closed the entire ride and looked more than a little sick after the ride finally stopped. They wouldn't admit it, but I think the girls made certain the rest of the rides they got on were slow, and easy on the stomach.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS GET OFF TO EXCITING START

The opening round of the Alabama High School Athletic Association's state football playoffs was held last week, and while 84 of the 192 teams were eliminated in opening round action, there were really only a few surprises. Here is a quick look back at week one action....

CLASS 1A - Brantley, Arton and G.W. Long all survived the opening week of play, but the Brantley Bulldogs and their fans got more than a little scared late in the game after Akron closed to within 30-22 and recovered a fumble deep in Brantley territory. The Bulldog defense held on to close the deal. However, the Bulldogs looked more than a little vulnerable in the second half in a game that at one time looked like a lopsided win. Upsets? Talladega County Central did knock out defending state champ Courtland 24-22, while Arton slipped past A.L. Johnson 6-0, in overtime.

CLASS 2A - Straugh's big 52-14 romp past Cottonwood made the most noise in the area, while Goshen easily handled Samson 28-6 and Geneva County defeated Highland Home 14-5, in a game that was expected to be high scoring. The biggest upset in the 2A ranks was the ease in which Greene County blasted Lineville 46-14, while it was a little surprising that Clay County struggled past Excel 17-10.

CLASS 3A - Everything went pretty much according to plan in the 3A ranks, but it was a little surprising that Luverne had to struggle to get past Francis Marion 27-26 and Flomaton posted a 16-14 win on the road over Tarrant. U.S. Neal slipped in the playoffs from Elba's region in the 4A spot, but the Eagles may have wished they had stayed home after being pounded 48-6 by Aliceville.

CLASS 4A - Daleville and Dale County both got shown the way out the door by private schools from Montgomery, as the Warhaws were eliminated by St. James 30-22 and the Warriors were upset by Trinity 21-14. Geneva struggled at times before rolling past Beauford 33-13, while Mobile private school power UMS-Wright made it look easy in a 49-0 romp past Holt.

CLASS 5A - The biggest news was defending champ Etowah being ousted by Oxford 31-21, while also making news was Hillcrest, of Evergreen, which opened Eufrasia 28-20, for its first playoff win in years. Defending 3A champ Briarwood stomped Robertsdale 34-14 and made it known that it was still very much alive in the 5A ranks, and Carroll, of Ozark, saw its season end with a 38-0 loss to Benjamin Russell.

CLASS 6A - The biggest surprise was Clay-Chalkville's 31-27 upset win over Vestavia, while both Robert E. Lee and Sidney Lanier struggled and were lucky to advance. The Generals slipped past McGill-Toolen 24-21 in overtime, while the Poets surprised 21-19 when a short field-goal by Alma Bryant sailed wide in the closing seconds. Both Dothan teams were sent home, as Dothan High lost to LeFlore 8-2 and Northview fell to Daphne 28-16.

CLEANING OFF THE DESK....

*** Elba's Tim Ware opened his junior college career last week with the Calhoun Community College Warhaws and picked up right where he had left off last season with the Tigers, as he was among the Hawks leading scorers and rebounders in both games played. Ware scored 21 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 2 steals in Calhoun's 93-92 win over Columbia State, of Tennessee, then came back and scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the Hawks 107-75 loss to Okaloosa-Walton, of Florida. No doubt about it, Tim Ware can play at any level!

*** I went to the Brantley win over Akron last week and I know the Bulldogs and their fans couldn't believe what happened late in the game. Brantley was up 28-6 with the ball at the Akron 4-yardline ready to blow the game open, when the Bulldogs lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown. Moments later the Brantley lead was down to 30-22 and Akron had the ball inside the Bulldog 40. The Bulldogs held on and advanced to second round action, but they almost let one slip away.

*** Geneva's Coach Leavy Boutwell is obviously a better coach than he is a prognosticator, since he told me on the phone last week that his team didn't have a chance against Beauford in the 4A playoffs, but then went out and won 33-13. The Panthers have lost only one game during the regular season over the past three years, and now have one of the state's top 4A programs. Coach Boutwell is another Elba grad that has made a name for himself, and there is no doubt at all that he is the best coach in the state, regardless of class.

*** Alabama's loss to Mississippi State was an easy one to pick. The Tide had a reason to play well the week before at LSU's, once the SEC title was on the line and its coach had been fired. However, last weekend there was nothing to get excited about and it showed in the big loss. This year's Alabama team was supposed to make history, but not because of having the school's worst record in decades.

*** Auburn will come into the Alabama game sky-high this week after pulling out its big overtime win over Georgia. The Tigers went away from their four wide-out offense and handed the ball to Rudi Johnson in a second half comeback, which proved once again that Ben Leard simply is not a good enough college quarterback to carry a team to a win. Johnson is a

quality back, and is the difference between Auburn being 8-2 and maybe 5-8.

*** The Elba Junior High basketball season has begun, and the Tigers and Lady Tigers are both off to exciting starts. The 7th grade Tigers and 8th grade Tigers, under the direction of Brian Weeks, have both claimed some big wins early in the season, while the Lady Tigers, coached by David Collins, have also won and have shown that they will hustle from the opening tip to the final horn. These junior high teams are exciting to watch and deserve the support of all Elba Tiger fans.

I talked with Malone Tiger coach Ken English over the weekend, and while he admitted he was excited about the upcoming basketball season, it was easy to see that the former Elba resident was under a lot of pressure to win. Ken loves the game of basketball and loves to coach, and I am confident that he can continue the success of the Malone program as he teaches the players his way of playing the game. Good luck Coach English, and go Tigers.

*** In closing, a group of Elba High School supporters have made plans to hold a meeting in a few weeks to try to reorganize the Elba Athletic Club. The club was at one time an organization that served as a model for booster clubs all across the state, but in recent years, as the losses mounted for the Elba Tigers in football, the club became less and less a factor in the school's overall athletic program. If not for the hard work and countless hours put in by Earl McCollough, I doubt if there would even be an Elba Athletic Club here today. Elba High School needs its supporters to reunite and make this booster club the best in the state, and make certain it is there to meet the needs of the school's athletic programs. If you agree, go to the meeting and be ready to roll up your sleeves.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PLAYOFFS

Yo Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office late Sunday afternoon and was griping about how hard it was to pick the winners in the early rounds of the playoffs. The local guess-pert hit on 26 of 31 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 279-50, and even without a recount, it is easy to see he is still one of the tops in making high school predictions. Here are this week's picks....

For 2000 high school football season

Sams and Salter lead final Elba Tiger statistics

The Elba Tigers recently concluded their 2000 high school football season with a final record of 1-9, and following are individual statistics for the season in both offensive and defensive categories:

OFFENSE

RUSHING

Freshman tailback Michael Sams led the Tigers in rushing with 84 carries, 111 touchdowns on 864 yards. Other leading rushers included Josh Moultry, with 247 yards and 2 touchdowns on 57 carries; Quinton Moultry, with 94 yards and 2 touchdowns on 22 carries; Brandon Salter, with 74 yards and 1 touchdown on 29 carries; Todd Horstead, with 56 yards on 11 carries; Cherelle Edwards, with 41 yards on 8 carries; Alan Head, with 22 yards on 9 carries; Nick Folmar, with 6 yards on 2 carries; Michael Reed, with 1 yard on 2 carries; Darryl Burks, with 0 yards on 1 carry; Marcus Henderson, with minus 1 yard on 1 carry; Dougie Pierson, with minus 2 yards on 4 carries; and Brandon Petty, with minus 73 yards on 21 carries.

PASSING

Sophomore quarterback Brandon Petty hit on 47 of 107 passes for 11 touchdown and 504 yards, with 10 interceptions, to lead the Tiger passing attack. Other passers included Brandon Salter, with 11 completions in 28 attempts and 2

RECEIVING

Sophomore tight-end Marcus Henderson led the Tigers in receiving with 20 catches for 383 yards and 2 touchdowns. Other leading receivers included Michael Sams, with 11 catches for 113 yards; Dougie Pierson, with 7 catches for 40 yards; Alan Head, with 4 catches for 42 yards; Kirby Gray, with 3 catches for 34 yards and 1 touchdown; Brent Bowers, with 3 catches for 8 yards; Josh Moultry, with 3 catches for minus 3 yards; Todd Horstead, with 2 catches for 34 yards; Brandon Salter, with 2 catches for 5 yards; Darryl Burks, with 1 catch for 15 yards; Quinton Moultry, with 1 catch for 13 yards; and Chris Turner, with 1 catch for 5 yards.

SCORING

Freshman running back Michael Sams scored 66 points on 14 touchdowns to lead the Tigers in scoring. Others scoring included Chris Turner, (22) on 16 extra-points and 2 field-goals; Marcus Henderson, (12) on 2 touchdowns; Josh Moultry, (12) on 2 touchdowns; Quinton

BRANTLEY VS. MAPLESVILLE

The Bulldogs will have to be running on all cylinders this week on both offense and defense if they expect to get past former 2A power Maplesville in Round 2 action. If Brantley can be effective passing it should be okay, but if the Dogs' offense is grounded, it could be a long night at the pound. Let's give it to Brantley, by a tee!

BRANTLEY 16 MAPLESVILLE 14

OTHER PICKS:

Theodore 17 Central 10 PC 15 Robert E. Lee 21 LeFlore 7 Opelika 24 Murphy 10 Daphne 21 Sidney Lanier 14 Williamson 34 Stanhope Elmore 26 Briarwood 28 Hillcrest 7 Benjamin Russell 24 Citronelle 0 Wilcox Central 32 McAdory 20 UMS-Wright 38 St. James 7 Clarke County 21 Trinity 20 Pike County 27 Flomaton 21 Leroy 20 Goshen 7 Clay County 14 Geneva County 8 Southern Choctaw 27 Straugh 13 Greene County 27 Houston County 18 G.W. Long 20 J.F. Shields 19 Reelfoot 27 Arton 0 Carrollton 34 Marengo 16

Moultry, (12) on 2 touchdowns; Brandon Salter, (6) on 1 touchdown; and Kirby Gray, (6) on 1 touchdown.

PUNTS

Senior punter Brandon Salter led the Tigers with 32 punts for a 31.3 yard average, while senior Chris Turner punted 5 times for a 27.2 average.

DEFENSE

TACKLES

Senior linebacker Brandon Salter made 53 tackles and had 5 assists to lead the Tiger defense in tackles. Other leading tacklers included Michael Reed (42-T), Brandon Petty (30-T), Jason Curran (33-T), Michael Sams (24-T), Gavin Mauldin (23-T), Dougie Pierson (20-T), Alan Head (12-T), Gary Williams (10-T), Chris Bryant (8-T), Carson Waters (7-T), Richard Myers (4-T), Ralston Moore (4-T), Quinton Moultry (4-T), Demetrius Caldwell (3-T), Nick Folmar (3-T), Brent Bowers (2-T), Lorenz Green (2-T), Alan Cooper (2-T), Chris Turner (1-T), Darryl Burks (1-T), Cherelle Edwards (1-T), Patrick Tyson (1-T).

FUMBLES

Sophomore linebacker Jason

Curran led the Tigers with 2 fumble recoveries, while Kirby Gray, Brandon Petty, Demetrius Caldwell, Michael Sams, Richard Myers, Gary Williams and Brian Brinson all had 1 fumble recovery.

INTERCEPTIONS

Making 1 pass interception for the Tigers were Brandon Petty, Marcus Henderson, Brent Bowers, Michael Sams and Todd Horstead.

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Junior defensive-end Josh Moultry had 6 quarterback sacks to lead the Tigers, while others recording sacks included Brandon Salter (3), Chris Bryant (3), Marcus Henderson (3), Michael Sams (2), Alan Head (1), Michael Reed (1), Jason Curran (1), Richard Myers (1), Alan Cooper (1) and Gavin Mauldin (1).

TACKLES FOR LOSSES

Senior linebacker Brandon Salter had 12 tackles for losses that resulted in 44 yards lost to lead the Tigers, while others making tackles for losses included Josh Moultry (4), Michael Sams (5-28), Marcus Henderson (5-14), Chris Bryant (3-21), Gavin Mauldin (3-10), Jason Curran (2-11), Michael Reed (2-3), Mandrell Carpenter (2-2), Alan Cooper (2-T), Chris Turner (1-T), Darryl Burks (1-T), Cherelle Edwards (1-T), Patrick Tyson (1-T).

Outlast pesky Akron Rams 30-22

Brantley Bulldogs survive late scare

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs and Akron Rams met Friday night in the opening round of the Class 1A playoffs, and while the Bulldogs dominated the first three quarters and pulled out to a big 28-6 lead, the fourth quarter was a different story as the Brantley defense had to claim an interception and a fumble recovery late to preserve a scary 30-22 win.

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Brantley coach Roland Jones sends in a play with Jimmy Mitchell (24) as Bulldog head coach David Lowery watches the action. The Bulldogs will host Maplesville Friday night in the second round of the Class 1A football playoffs. Kickoff will be 7:00 PM.

Ousted from 1A playoffs 48-0

By Randy Winters, Sports Writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their football season come to an abrupt end a long way from home on a cold Friday night as the Carrollton Indians scored early and often to oust the Rebels from the Class 1A football playoffs 48-0, in an opening round action in Carrollton. The loss left the Rebels with a final record of 6-5, while Carrollton advanced in the playoffs with a 10-1 slate.

Zion Chapel managed only one first down on its first three offensive possessions of the game. However, Carrollton's high-powered offense was ready to roll and never missed a beat as the Indians scored

on each of their first three possessions to grab a 21-0 first quarter lead.

The Rebel defense finally stopped the Indians at the Zion Chapel 21-yardline late in the opening quarter after a Rebel fumble, and Zion Chapel crossed midfield for the only time in the half only minutes later when a punt caromed off an Indian and was recovered by the Rebels at the Zion Chapel 48.

Zion Chapel turned the ball over on downs at the Carrollton 28-yardline, and then watched as the Indians covered the 72 yards in only two plays to add to their lead. The Indians added their final score of the half with 4:16 remaining in the second quarter, and at intermission



REBELS ARE READY FOR PLAYOFFS. It was an excited group of fans and parents that gathered in the Zion Chapel High School gym recently as part of a community pep rally to send the Rebels off to their first playoff game in nine years. Friday morning, Rep. Alan Boothe was at the campus and posed with the players and Coach Randy Grant before they loaded the chartered bus to Carrollton. Rep. Boothe, along with Rep. Terry Spicer, Sen. Jimmy Holley and Senn Farms, furnished the players with embroidered travel shirts for the playoff ride.

11 area teams still alive in prep playoffs

Following are Round 2 games involving teams from the "South" with local interest:

CLASS 1A J.F. Shields (8-2) at G.W. Long (7-3) Arton (6-5) at Reelfoot (8-3) Maplesville (8-3) at Brantley (9-2) **CLASS 2A** Goshen (10-1) at Leroy (10-1)

Geneva County (9-2) at Clay County (10-1) Southern Choctaw (10-1) at Straugh (10-1) Houston County (11-0) at Greene County (9-2) **CLASS 3A** Luverne (7-4) at Dadeville (8-3) Pike County (7-4) at Flomaton (8-3)

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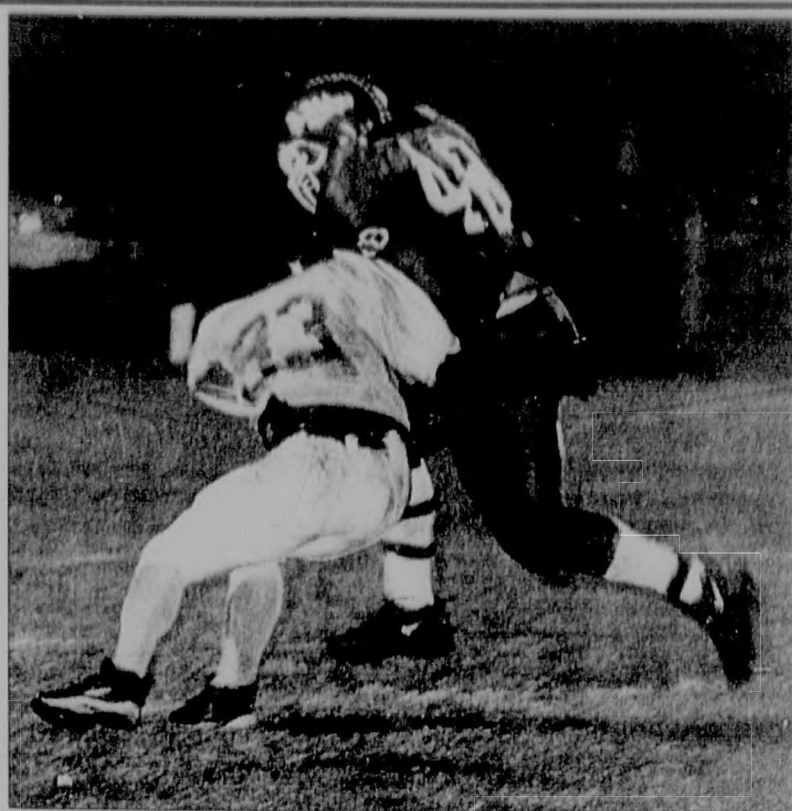
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SPORTS



Brantley's Gregory Daniels (48) barrels over a would-be Akron defender during action in last week's 30-22 playoff win over the Rams. Daniels gained 92 yards to help the Bulldogs grind out the win.

Brantley braces for invasion of Red Devils in second round of 1A playoffs

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep their state championship hopes alive Friday night when they host the Maplesville Red Devils, in a match-up of two of the state's winningest small school football programs.

Brantley will bring a 9-2 record into the second round clash, while Maplesville will enter the game with an 8-3 slate.

The Bulldogs continued their winning ways last week with a 30-22 win over Akron, in a game that was never really close until late in the final stanza. Brantley owned a 28-6 lead in the fourth quarter and was apparently headed for another score when a fumble turned into an Akron touchdown, and set up a wild finish!

The Brantley offense was sparked by the hard running of Darrell Owens and Gregory Daniels, who combined for almost 250 yards on the ground. Quarterback Andy Johnson was hobbled by an injury received in the Bulldogs' final game of the regular season and his inability to pass effectively helped Akron as it made its late comeback bid.

Maplesville has been a 2A power for years, and this season fully expects to be a force in the 1A playoff picture. The Red Devils have claimed wins over Lincoln 21-7, Fayetteville 58-0, Thorshy 36-7, Autaugaville 17-7, Verbena 24-0, Isabella 14-7, Billingsley 36-0 and Frisco City 29-6, while suffering losses to Reelfoot 22-20, Jemison 25-23 and Leroy 28-8.

Two teams confident of a win will tangle Friday night in Brantley, with the winner being the favorite to make it to Birmingham in three weeks' Kickoff will be 7:00 PM.

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Kinston Junior High wins two of three basketball games over New Brockton

The Kinston Junior High Bulldogs' and Lady Bulldogs hosted New Brockton Friday

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Southeast Central Alabama Mental Health Board's Public Annual Meeting and Dinner held at Oakwood Lodge

The Southeast Central Alabama Mental Health Board's Public Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at Oakwood Lodge on Oct. 19. Ms. Cynthia Hataway, executive director, gave opening remarks and welcomed the board, employees and special guests, including Ms. Martha Dixon, Mr. Gordon Jones, and Mr. David Teller. The invocation was given by the key note speaker, Dr. Hatt Sadler, senior pastor of the South Breeze Methodist Church. Dr. Sadler's presentation entitled "Get Your Eyes off the Bugs on Your Windshield" dealt with how an individual's attitude affects the quality of their work, relationships and overall life. Ms. Deborah Hooks, South Central's assistant case manager, supervisor, provided musical entertainment.

Presented to introduce the "Award" recognizing employees who are caught, "walking the talk" by staff members: Lynn McHenry, Cindy Haley, Janet Foster, Janet Cooper, Jody Adams, Brent Cosby and Kim Kilgore.

Judge Marion Brunson intro-



Shown is Judge Marion Brunson, president of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board, addressing the annual dinner. From left to right: Mrs. Cynthia Hataway, executive director; Mr. Greg Hataway, Judge Marion Brunson; and Mrs. Nancy Brunson.

duced the officers for 2000-01: Judge Marion B. Brunson, president; Mr. Max Metcalf, vice-president; Mr. Gerald Tucker, treasurer; and Ms. Janice Stamps, secretary.

The following Longevity Service Awards were presented by Cynthia Hataway, executive director, and Sheila Williams, associate director:

25 Years: Allen Miller (board member); 20 Years: Margie Cotton, W.D. Underwood, Cynthia Hataway, Ada Lee Williams (board member); 15 Years: Dru Faulkner, Vickie Florence, Helen Hinson (board member); 10 Years: Montez Grissell, Virginia Boyd, Joyce Harrell, Mike Rose; 5 Years: Jan Foshee, Gail

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Service Pins awarded at Kelley Foods of AL recently



VAN JOHNSON (left), supervisor of Kelley Foods, is shown congratulating LILLY BANNIN (right) for 15 years of service.



HENRY ROWE (left), supervisor of Kelley Foods, is shown congratulating DWAYNE CALDWELL (right) for 5 years of service.



VAN JOHNSON (left), supervisor of Kelley Foods, is shown presenting a 5 year service pin to MARIE HAWTHORNE (right).



VAN JOHNSON (left), supervisor of Kelley Foods, is shown presenting a 10 year service pin to CARLA SULLIVANT (right).

COMMUNITY NEWS



Paul L. English, Jr. receives his new rank insignia of Colonel, U.S. Army from his daughter, Anne-Marie, left and wife Michelle, during a ceremony at Ft. Monroe Virginia.

English promoted to Colonel

Paul L. English Jr. was promoted to the rank of Colonel during a recent ceremony at the Headquarters of the U.S. Army's Cadet Command, Ft. Monroe, Virginia.

Col. English graduated in June from the Air War College at Maxwell AFB with a Master's degree in international security studies. He is currently director of training at Cadet Command, and is responsible for oversight of Army ROTC training programs and curriculums at colleges and universities across the nation.

The 11-month course at the Air War College is a rigorous course of study focused on international security issues and strategic policy development, senior leadership, ethics and joint warfare operations. The students are officers of all branches of the U.S. Military, senior U.S. government officials and officers from selected allied nations.

Col. English, a former enlisted soldier, received his commission following graduation from Auburn University in 1977. He has commanded units at various levels,



Johnny D. Branham is honor soldier

Zion Chapel graduate, Johnny D. Branham was the distinguished honor graduate, the number one soldier of the class, where he was in basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is now in A.I.T. at Fort San Houston Texas.

Don't Forget Church-wide Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba Church of God. Don't Miss It!

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Coffee County Arts Alliance plans to present in Elba "Tower Brass Quintet"

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents "Tower Brass Quintet" in a performance entitled The Spirit of Christmas Brassed, on Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium.

The Tower Brass Quintet brings a concert full of new surprises and old favorites. From narrated stories to swinging popular songs, this is an event that will appeal to anyone that has ever felt the spirit of the season. Selections from the "Nutcracker Suite," traditional carols, and even songs like "Jingle Bells" will delight everyone.

Advanced ticket prices are: Adult - \$14, Student - \$10. Tickets purchased at the door will be: Adult - \$16, Student - \$12. Tickets are available at the following outlets: The Jewel Box in Elba, Northcutt's On Main in Dothan, ITR (Soldier Service Center) in Ft. Rucker and West Gate Book & Gift, The Framery and Plain 'n' Fancy Gift Shop in Enterprise.

For more information on upcoming performances and season tickets, contact Sylvia McDonough, ticket sales, at 347-4646, or Ginny Canon, publicity, at 393-2797.

Elba Rotary Club announces youth exchange program

This year, about 7,000 young people, ages 15-19, will see the world the way it is meant to be seen.

From the inside out through a Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Short-term youth exchange programs for travel stays of approximately three to four weeks, starting in the summer of 2001, are available in almost any country where there are Rotary Clubs. This year, 162 countries are present!

All local city and county school principals/counselors recently

received information/brochures on this exciting program. If you are ready for the challenge and the rewards of experiencing the culture of another land as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, then contact the Elba Rotary Club for more information and the application process. Contact Kelly Ross, International Service Chairperson at 897-2246, or Jim Gilmer, President, at 493-2182. Information is also available on the internet at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth-exch.htm>

Brunson elected to board of directors for The Business Council of Alabama

Bill Brunson of Elba was recently elected to the board of directors for The Business Council of Alabama.

ma. Brunson is the president of the National Security Fire/Casualty Co., in Elba.

Scouts to conduct Child Find

Every day in America a child is reported missing. Many are never found. On Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the Courthouse Square in Elba, Justin Williams of Boy Scout Troop 37 will be conducting a Child Find.

Members of the troop will fingerprint and photograph children for their parent's records. The service will be provided free of charge. This Eagle Scout Service Project is being done with the cooperation of the Elba Police Department.

Burnett graduates from Army Reserve Officer Training Corps

Thaddeus L. Burnett has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of Owatha Bogen and grandson of Lucille

Bogen, both of Brantley. Burnett, a 1997 graduate of Brantley High School, is currently attending Auburn University, Montgomery.

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